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Monthly Newsletter

Portfolio Highlight: CrowdZ

We're excited to share our own **Payson Johnston, CEO of CrowdZ**, contributed to a recent **Forbes** article titled "*How SMEs Can Speed Up Payments From Large Corporations*".

Payson highlights how small to medium enterprises (SMEs) business failures are impacted by late payments and how they can combat this problem head on. Read the full article [here](#).



"Small to medium-sized enterprises are often referred to as the backbone of the economy. However, with cash-flow issues largely causing more than half to fail during their first five years in business, it's obvious that many are in need of a lifeline."

- Payson Johnston

In the News

Aperia Technologies | [Aperia Launches Pro+ to Support Critical Fleet Investments Amid COVID-19](#) | *Business Wire*

LARQ | [Coronavirus Impact: Tech gadgets to fight COVID-19](#) | *Times of India* (Use discount code "augment20" to get 20% off your LARQ Bottle)

LLamasoft | [What will the Post-COVID-19 World look like for Last Mile Delivery?](#) | *American Journal of Transportation*

Marc Andreessen: IT'S TIME TO BUILD

"Every Western institution was unprepared for the coronavirus pandemic, despite many prior warnings. This **monumental failure of institutional effectiveness will reverberate for the rest of the decade**, but it's not too early to ask why, and what we need to do about it..."

[Read the full article here.](#)



Event Highlight: Reopening Sports in a World of Social Distancing

Join Revolution this Friday, May 22nd (12:00pm ET) for a roundtable on how sports owners and executives are thinking about the future of sports. Panelists include:

- **Ron Klain**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Revolution and former White House Ebola Czar
- **Ted Leonsis**, Co-Founder and Partner at Revolution Growth; Founder, Chairman, Principal Partner and CEO of Monumental Sports & Entertainment
- **Jason Robins**, CEO and Co-Founder at DraftKings

[RSVP for the Roundtable here.](#)

Axios: Why venture capital can't bail out startups during the coronavirus crisis

As venture capital-backed startups are receiving Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, many are curious to know why their VCs didn't bail them out themselves.

[Learn more here.](#)

